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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment made herein for examination with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Consideration of the remarks which follow is also respectfully requested.

IN THE ABSTRACT

The Abstract on page 25 of the Application is amended to read as set forth below, and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. Specifically, pursuant to the Examiner's request, the reference to "coupling means (23)" has been amended to merely refer to -- coupling (23) --. A mark-up version showing the changes to the Abstract is attached as an appendix.

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A window operator for moving a window sash in a window frame (F) between open and closed positions. The window operator has a mounting plate (14), an elongate threaded member (16) mounted with the mounting plate (14). A drive handle (11) enables a rotational movement to be applied to the elongate threaded member (16). A threaded element (66) is located on the elongate threaded member (16). A hinge (26) with which a window sash can be mounted is attached to a coupling (23) moveable in response to movement of the threaded element (66) on the elongate threaded member (16). The hinge (26) has one arm (28) pivotally coupled to the mounting plate (14). Because arms (24 and 25) of the hinge (26) is attached to the coupling (23), movement of the coupling (23) results in movement of the hinge (26).